

Snuneymuxw Health Centre



**Job Posting**  
**TRAUMA COUNSELOR**  
**TEMPORARY FULL-TIME – 1 Year**

**Position Summary**

Snuneymuxw Health Centre is a department of Snuneymuxw First Nation which is located adjacent to Nanaimo, B.C.

The Trauma Counselor is responsible for providing comprehensive mental health services for Snuneymuxw First Nation community members. Mental health services are intended to help improve the mental health and well-being of Snuneymuxw First Nation members and the overall community. The Trauma Counselor assists individuals, groups and families to identify, understand and overcome personal problems or trauma and achieve personal self-care objectives through community-based, culturally sensitive counseling support. Services include but are not limited to: planning and delivery of community-based mental health counseling services; case management; prevention and health promotion initiatives; and, providing crisis response.

**Qualifications**

1. An undergraduate degree or college diploma in a social science field is required.
2. Completion of mental health counseling training is preferred.
3. At least two (2) year of experience in mental health or addictions counseling in a First Nation community or with an Aboriginal agency.
4. Knowledge of the root causes of poor mental health and trauma amongst Aboriginal people, including colonization, poverty, residential schools and other mental health determinants.
5. Knowledge of child/ adolescent and adult development, psychological/social/cognitive development.
6. Knowledge of the different referral agencies/services available within British Columbia (and First Nations communities) for those individuals who require in-patient or alternative (i.e., psychiatric) assessment and care; this includes knowledge of referral routes and case management techniques.
7. Knowledge of relevant legislation related to mental health and child/family services; ability to interpret and explain pertinent mental health-related policies and procedures to clients.
8. Adherence to a professional Code of Ethics.
9. Excellent presentation, written and active listening skills.
10. Strong interpersonal skills; ability to establish and maintain effective and efficient working relationships with parents, staff and community agencies/ representatives.
11. Ability to work as a team member as well as to be self-directed in carrying out daily duties.
12. Excellent presentation, written and active listening skills.
13. Strong interpersonal skills.
14. Knowledge of Coast Salish culture protocols/traditional practices is desirable.
15. Demonstrated ability to use software applications and clinical information system (preferably PROFILE).
16. Possesses a valid B.C. Driver's License.
17. Clearance of a criminal record check with vulnerable sector search.

Cover letter and resume required. Please drop off or email to Chris Leischner at: [chrisl@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:chrisl@snuneymuxw.ca) or call Chris at (250)740-2337 if you have any questions.

Deadline: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 4pm

*Please note only those applicants who are short-listed will be contacted*